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**S. C. R. No. 32**

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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To encourage the United States Congress to support 1  
and fully fund the National Aeronautics and Space 2  
Administration's Vision for Space Exploration 3  
Program. 4

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States has a proud heritage of leading 5  
the world in exploration and discovery on land, under the seas, 6  
and in outer space. This heritage of expanding the boundaries of 7  
our national experience has been paramount in American priorities 8  
from the days of Lewis and Clark through the exploration of the 9  
moon's surface by the Apollo astronauts and of the surface of Mars 10  
using the Mars Rovers; and 11

WHEREAS, The expansion of America's exploration boundaries 12  
from the original 13 states to the lunar surface in the relatively 13  
short period of 200 years has led to immeasurable benefits to all 14  
humankind through the development of new technologies, the 15  
creation of jobs across the entire economic spectrum, economic 16  
growth through the creation of new commercial products and 17  
markets, the creation of advanced educational opportunities, and 18

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the establishment of a legacy for future generations; and 19

WHEREAS, The potential of space exploration has ignited 20  
American students' interest in science, technology, engineering, 21  
and mathematics. In particular, the National Aeronautics and Space 22  
Administration (NASA) Glenn Research Center's education programs 23  
are exemplary in inspiring the next generation of explorers; and 24

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio has long played a leading role in 25  
America's exploration initiatives, especially in our nation's 26  
aeronautics and space program. Ohio is the home of Orville and 27  
Wilbur Wright, 24 past and present astronauts, including former 28  
United States Senator and astronaut John Glenn and former 29  
astronaut Neil Armstrong, and countless other air and space 30  
pioneers at every level of research and exploration; and 31

WHEREAS, Ohio also is home to two federal laboratories, NASA 32  
Glenn Research Center and Wright Patterson Air Force Research 33  
Laboratory, both recognized by the United States Department of 34  
Commerce for their outstanding innovative activities contributing 35  
to economic development; and 36

WHEREAS, The NASA Glenn Research Center is a world-renowned 37  
center for the research and development of many cutting-edge 38  
technologies, especially power, propulsion, communications, and 39  
microgravity research. It also is a model of creating a consortium 40  
of university, government, and private sector entities to foster 41  
collaborative research and development. Finally, the Center is the 42  
winner of 89 of the 141 R & D 100 Awards granted to NASA since 43  
1966, including the first NASA R & D 100 Award; and 44

WHEREAS, The talent, technology, and infrastructure exist in 45  
Ohio to provide resources that will be key to carrying out NASA's 46  
future missions; now therefore be it 47

RESOLVED, That we, the members of 125th General Assembly of 48  
the State of Ohio, support the continuation of research and 49

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development programs in space science missions in order to take 50  
full advantage of the previous investments made in the space 51  
stations and other NASA infrastructure, support NASA's goal of 52  
returning to the moon as well as conducting excursions to Mars and 53  
beyond, and hereby encourage the United States Congress to enact 54  
and fully fund the proposed Vision for Space Exploration Program 55  
as submitted to the Congress in the fiscal year 2005 budget in 56  
order to enable the United States, and Ohio in particular, to 57  
remain a leader in the exploration and development of space; and 58  
be it further 59

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of 60  
this resolution to the President of the United States, to the 61  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 62  
to the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United 63  
States Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional 64  
delegation, and to the news media of Ohio. 65